27 March 2013 - Following last weekend's snowy weather across many parts of the UK, forecasters at the Met Office are predicting that the cold weather will continue through the Easter weekend.

Cold easterly winds will remain firmly in charge of our weather but for the majority of the UK it should be dry. However, until Sunday the wind will be less strong and it will therefore feel a little less bitter. There will also be some sunshine with the best of this in western areas. However, it will stay cold with temperatures rising to no more than 4 or 5 Celsius along with frosty nights.

Frank Saunders, Met Office Chief Forecaster, said: "The prospect of drier and brighter weather will be a welcome relief for many but the prolonged low temperatures will mean that any lying snow will be slow to thaw.

"This will maintain sharp night-time frosts and a risk of ice, and people should be aware of the potential for tricky driving conditions if they are travelling this weekend."

With a drier weekend forecast, why not make the most of our Days Out Facebook app . This combines the weather with national tourist attractions and allows you to find out what the most popular days out destinations are in your region. It will then allow you to see if your friends have visited, and most importantly check the latest weather forecast. You can also find the latest forecasts for Easter and the Boat Race on our Events pages.

Mark Smith, Director of Bournemouth Tourism , said: "Although the weather is much colder than we'd expect to see at this time of year, Bournemouth is fortunate to be faring much better than many other parts of the UK. Visitor numbers may be affected by difficult travelling conditions in some parts of the country, but based on feedback from the accommodation sector, we are still anticipating a healthy number of guests, since, as usual, the South Coast has some of the warmest weather in Britain.

"Business has been boosted this Easter by some new offers in Bournemouth, and with seven miles of sandy beaches, miles of cycle tracks and an enormous choice of water sports, nothing beats a blast of exercise by the sea. There are relaxing spa treatments at spa hotels and many award winning eateries to suit all budgets."

The weather currently looks like staying cold into next week, perhaps with some rain, sleet or snow affecting the extreme south-west of England at times. There is considerable uncertainty with these details, however, so please stay up-to-date with forecasts and warnings. These can be found online, through our mobile apps, facebook and twitter , and through TV and radio broadcasts.

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